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As an AIA Nevada Architect or Associate member you are now pre-registered to attend the AIA 2005 National Convention and Design Expo in Las Vegas on May 19-21, 2005, *provided you have paid your dues and the convention assessment.*

Within a few days AIA Nevada members will receive a confirmation letter containing a personal URL address. You will then be able to go online as directed in the letter and confirm, or add to, your convention registration. Online registration will be available on Monday, December 13th, 2004.

When you enter your name and member number, your registration will show as pre-paid. Your registration includes continuing education seminars, general sessions, business meetings and the AIA Design Expo2005.

For additional fees, you can choose to attend the special workshops, professional / guest tours and the other special events. To add these to your registration record online, access your registration record using the personal URL address provided in the confirmation letter and follow instructions to change your initial registration. An updated confirmation letter will be sent to you.

As the hosting Chapter, AIA Las Vegas has planned a variety of exceptional learning and entertainment opportunities. You'll want to plan your convention participation to include some of the Tours, or a Dining by Design event, see the Exhibits of local work, visit the AIA Las Vegas Host Chapter Store, Lounge and Gallery in the Expo....but most especially, plan to attend the fabulous "Lucky in Las Vegas" Host Chapter Party. It will be a spectacular and unforgettable evening and you don't want to miss it!

In January you will receive your copy of the 2005 Convention Guide, the printed version of the online information. It will provide detailed information on the guest speakers, keynote programs, educational opportunities and entertainment that is planned. You will also find information about the Chapter's local events on the aialasvegas.org website.

There are only 170 days until the Convention opens...so make your plans to be here and join us in welcoming the other 25,000 AIA members and design professionals from all over the world to our city.

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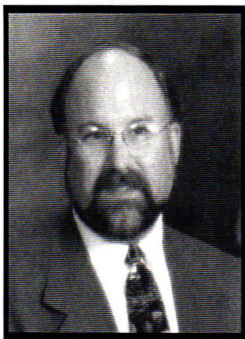


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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lendall Mains, AIA

This has been a hell of a year for our nation. Our President was re-elected without a shot fired, no riots and no blood in our streets. This is a great country. We must always remember that we are one

nation, regardless of what the pundits claim.

It's been a privilege and a challenge being the AIA Las Vegas President for 2004. Serving on any board requires more time and commitment than most have, but we strive to continue serving. My firm has had a great year and I'm looking forward to an exciting and booming 2005. From talking to most of you out there – you are able to say the same about your practices.

There's a show on the Fine Living channel that my wife, Pamela, likes to watch called *Radical Sabbatical*. It's about people leaving their current careers behind and embarking on their wildest dream careers. Pam asked me - if I could leave architecture and do anything I wanted – what would I do? Hmmm. Well, as many of you are aware, I bake cheesecake. I love donating my cheesecakes for raffles and have several wedding cheesecakes to my credit. Would owning bakeries be my choice? No.

I have wanted to be an architect since I was seventeen years old, and I want to be an architect today. In fact, I don't see myself ever retiring from architecture. I love it. With a capital L. I couldn't be happier in my career choice. How many people can say that? I hope that all of you are able to say that for yourself. I am proud of my work and accomplishments. There's something inherently solid about architecture. We are what we build. Integrity, reliability, honesty, solidness have to be part of the architectural mentality. Giving the client the best possible product – it's a reflection of who we are.

Thank you for allowing me to share a little more of myself with all of you throughout my term. I want to thank the 2004 AIA Board members for all their help and a job well done. The 2005 AIA Las Vegas Steering, chaired by Brad Schulz, have been doing a great job and continue to work towards a successful national AIA convention next year. I also want to wish my friend Bob Fielden, FAIA the best of luck with the upcoming year and national convention. I'll be right there to help you Bob – as I know many others will be too. And last, but not least (by a long shot!), my many, many thanks to Randy Lavigne and her staff at AIA Las Vegas. What a terrific job they all do at keeping this organization (and this President) running smoothly.

May your holidays be blessed with laughter, friends, and family.



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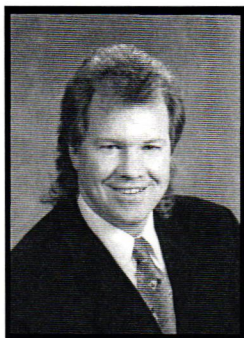
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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Mickey, AIA

It is that time of year when we pause to reflect on the accomplishments of the past 12 months, and look forward to the promise of the next year. This has been an

inconceivable year as your AIA

Nevada President and with a very accomplished Executive Committee the chapter has continued the remarkable tradition of previous years and mapped out an excellent course for the coming year.

I've measured my year's service as your 2004 president by the deadlines for my monthly messages. It's hard to believe how quickly a year has past as I write my final message, and I want to express a heartfelt "thank-you" to the chapter for your support and involvement through a year of growth in the range of services provided.

The knowledge I have gained understanding the importance of AIA to our communities could only have been realized through my own personal involvement. And, as I have continued to say throughout the year – I encourage you to take on a similar challenge and discover what the AIA means personally to you! We share a kindred spirit through our profession, but personal growth can only be realized by experience and commitment. With all that the AIA offers, I'm sure each of us can find something that is unique to our own beliefs and goals. Please continue this personal growth and commitment to the AIA in 2005.

Although this was not a legislative year, with the help of our lobbyist Fred Hillerby, we have remained vigilant in the tracking of potential legislative issues that will affect our profession and had an excellent understanding of the statewide constitutional issues on this year's ballot. As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, we will expand our list of position papers and streamline our member alert system. Special thanks to David Frommer for his work with the AIA National Legislative Committee and the State Government Network.

In October, AIA Nevada held the statewide Excellence in Design and Distinguished Service Awards program in Reno. This year's winners of both service and design awards have once again raised the bar for architects and architecture in our state.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the membership and the executive committee. Thanks to Joan Jeffers, Randy Lavigne, Wade Simpson, Lendall Mains, Larry Macias, Mike Andersen, Mark Johnson, Robert Goff, David Frommer and Dale Scheideman who has the honor of moving into the presidency this month. I appreciate the hard work that

you have all put in to the success of this chapter.

Thank you for your encouragement and support. Stay involved and please assist me in applauding the commitment of those individuals recently elected as the 2005 AIA Nevada Board of Directors.



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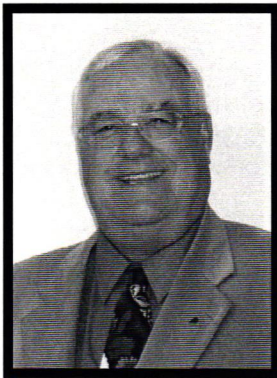
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LEARNING FROM HOLLYWOOD

Dr. Robert A. Fielden, A. D.,
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Throughout his long career in Hollywood, George Hamilton has used his suntanned face to promote his image and popularity. He's recognized as the *King* of suntans worldwide.

Now into his 60's, only Hamilton

and his cosmetic surgeons know how much solar imagery has cost through skin damage over the years. In contrast, I've read that Paul Newman takes every step possible to dodge the sun - and soaks his face in ice each day to keep his skin as smooth as possible for the camera.

We use this simple metaphor in our practice to explain environmental conscious design to planning, architecture and urban design clients. We describe projects within our microclimate with unprotected southwestern and western exposures as design representing the *George Hamilton Model*, and projects, which are shielded from the sun and wind, follow the *Newman Model*. Its easy to identify these two principles *anywhere* - just determine which way development is oriented, either at the urban scale, within the neighborhood, block, or with individual buildings. If the development is either square or has a larger western exposure, it's a Hamilton project. Newmans', on the other-hand, have greater northern and eastern exposures - and the south and western edges use landscape or other means to block the sun.

Before air-conditioning in America, all buildings, neighborhoods and towns were designed around simple principles of geography, climate, location, the natural context and scale - or what we as design professionals define as *Place*.

Entrances for doors were *always* located facing the opposite direction of prevailing winds. In cold climates, entrances were located on the building's east so the morning sun naturally melted slippery surfaces created by snow or ice. Buildings were planned and designed sympathetically towards the site and its neighbors. For this *Place*, here in Southern Nevada, good planning and design protects doorways from the heavy southwest and northwest winds that can rip a door off its hinges and cause significant bodily harm. Good buildings are designed to respect *our* topography, the natural drainage and the other geographic characteristics of this unique setting.

The notion of *Place* and environmental design mostly died with the advent of American wherewithal, technology and our ability to transpose everything into one cookie-cutter culture and society. In the rush to plan, design, build and

profit, most design professionals, today, ignore the critical issues of *Place* we've been sworn by statute to protect. Look around you, is there anything you see, you think has been planned or designed with sensitivity and respect for this geography, climate or the contextual character of the Mojave Desert; are there any developments within this region that are truly unique to this environment, or are sustainable for society for centuries to come? At the bottom of the *feeders list* are the "Out-of-Town-Experts" with no idea or notion of the environmental characteristics of the Mojave Desert microclimate, or care, who export design to this community that's been profitable for developers elsewhere.

The flood of new high-rise condominiums that open large, unprotected expanses of glass towards the south and the west - that fry those who inhabit the spaces - and demand almost three times the energy that a properly designed desert structure requires, reflects my point of view. As citizens, allowing bad planning and design to occur around us, the way we do, destroys our own quality of life - and our future for Southern Nevada. In the desert, we need more Newmans' around us - not Hamiltons'.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members and re-joining members to AIA Las Vegas.

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2004 MEETING AND EVENT BRIEFS

DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN PARIS

Bonjour, Bonjour, Bonjour! and Jolie Noel! If you have not made your plans to join us in Paris, you must do so immediately. Our famous End-of-the-Year Holiday Celebration will be held in the beautiful "Champagne Ballroom" at the fabulous Paris Hotel and Casino. So ...don your gay apparel and plan to be there for this sparkling holiday event on **Wednesday, December 15th**.

The evening will begin with a Reception and Silent Auction at 6PM, followed by a fabulous Holiday Dinner at 7:30PM, and our ever-popular and entertaining End-of-the-Year Holiday Program at 8:15PM. We'll drink champagne and toast the 2005 Board of Directors, as we celebrate all that was good in 2004 and look forward to an even brighter 2005.

Remember to bring your gifts and goodies for Safe Nest and you can do some of your holiday shopping at the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the AIA Las Vegas Endowment Fund, Safe Nest and the Chapter.

Use the Ticket Order Form included in this newsletter to reserve space for you and your guests. Tables may be reserved. AIA members tickets are \$25.00 and Guest tickets are \$85.00 each. (It's quite a holiday meal!!!). Only 15 days til the event so make your reservation today!

KLAI JUBA ARCHITECTS 2004 AIA NEVADA FIRM AWARD



Congratulations to all members of the Klai Juba Architects team. The firm was recognized with the AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award this year at the awards ceremony held in Reno. The firm was selected for this honor not only because of their exceptional design contributions, but because of their ongoing support of at-risk children's charitable groups and their support of architectural

education. In addition to underwriting of the Klai Juba Lectures Series at UNLV, the firm is also involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas, Lied Discovery Children's Museum and the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation.

JANUARY 2005 - THE FUTURE: CLARK COUNTY'S GROWTH PLAN

January is the month we try to look into the future and anticipate the decisions, events and activities that will be impact our business and our personal lives in the coming year. Our January Membership Meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the work being done by the Clark County Growth Task Force, and the development of a Growth Plan. Guest speakers will be confirmed in the January newsletter, and in the meantime make your plans to attend.

January's meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th, 5:30PM in the second floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel.

FEBRUARY 2005 - THE PAST: CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF LAS VEGAS

As the city celebrates it's Centennial, AIA Las Vegas will take a look at the architectural events that have been significant in the City's growth and development over the last 100 years. Noted historian, Bob Stodall, and other members of the city's historic preservation and Centennial Celebration team will join us for a comprehensive history lesson on our city.

February's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, 5:30PM in the second floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel.

MARCH 2005 - BUILDING ALLIANCES: THE BENEFITS OF PARTNERING

Building strong alliances is essential in good business and AIA Las Vegas is very fortunate to have built strong partnerships with a number of firms and organizations in Las Vegas. This meeting will explore the methods and challenges of seeking partners and building relationships that maximize business opportunities for all involved.

March's meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th, 5:30PM in the second floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. Incidentally, this happens to be St. Patrick's Day so we will, of course, serve FREE Green Beer, and Corned Beef and Cabbage or Irish Stew!

BRIEFS

JCI would like to congratulate **Dave Chase** and **Bret Popov** in the opening of their office in Northern Nevada. JCI is thankful for their years of service and dedication and stated that replacing them has been a challenge; however, they are excited to announce new additions to their engineering group:

Senior Engineer - Eric Giles, PE, SE,
Project Engineer - Harry Weldon, PE, SE,
Design Manager - Trent Tolbert
Client Service Manager - Ann Christ

These additions to their group will allow JCI to better service their clients and open new opportunities with their abilities and experience.

WORTHGROUP is pleased to announce that *INC 500* has included WorthGroup in its 2004 ranking of the top privately held companies by year-over-year sales growth. Worthgroup was included for the first time at number 410.

According to *INC 500*, the companies that made this list have thrived despite continued stagnation in the economy, posting an average year-over-year sales growth of 265%. And while the United States shed 410,000 jobs in 2003, *Inc 500* companies provided employment for more than 70,000 people.


David Curtis (dba **APPARATUS**) announces that a design collaborative has formed in Austin, TX, Las Vegas, NV and Phoenix, AZ which networks with individuals who assemble as project-specific teams.

The collaborative is currently preparing a design for the Flight 93 Memorial Competition and pursuing multi-discipline projects nationally. Apparatus collaborates with artists, architects and others to re-build the machine for living. For more information visit the website: www.apparatuslv.com

THE WLB GROUP, INC. has had staff changes in the Henderson office. They would like to announce that **Brian D. Patterson, RLA** has been named Director of Operations. Mr. Patterson has been employed with The WLB Group for 14 years with 8 of those years as the Director of Landscape Architecture. Mr. Patterson will be the contact for all civil, landscape and survey needs.

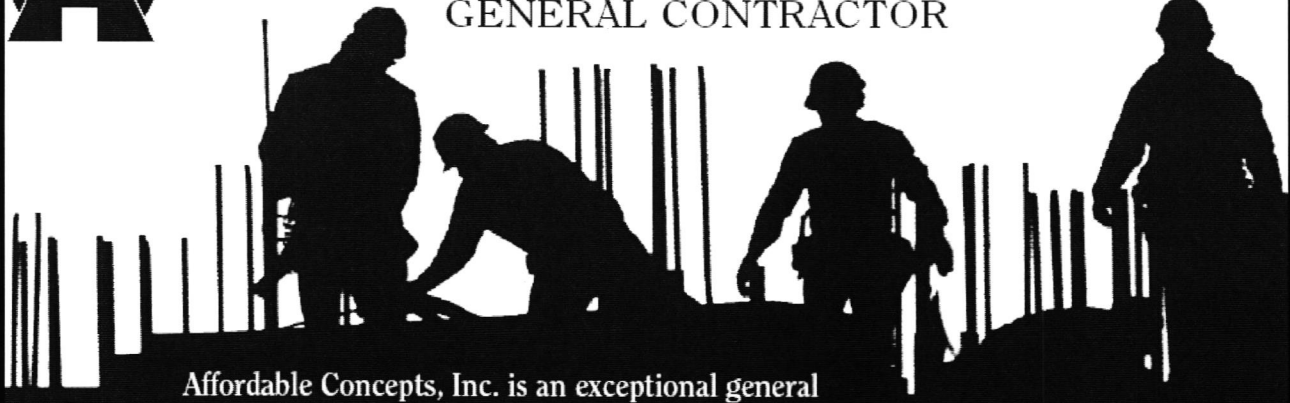
Caryl Davies, R.L.A. has been named Director of Landscape Architecture. Ms. Davies has been employed with The WLB Group for 7 years.

On November 14, 2004, **R&O CONSTRUCTION** managed the largest concrete pour on a project in their 25 year history in construction. The pour consisted of concrete for a silo pad that will hold 36-75 ft. silos for the Poly West manufacturing plant, to be located at 251 Conestoga Way in Henderson, Nevada. R&O Construction began the Poly West project in October, 2004, and expect to complete it by December 2005.



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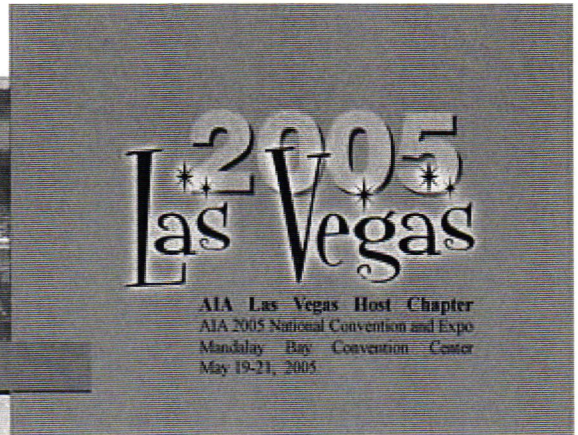
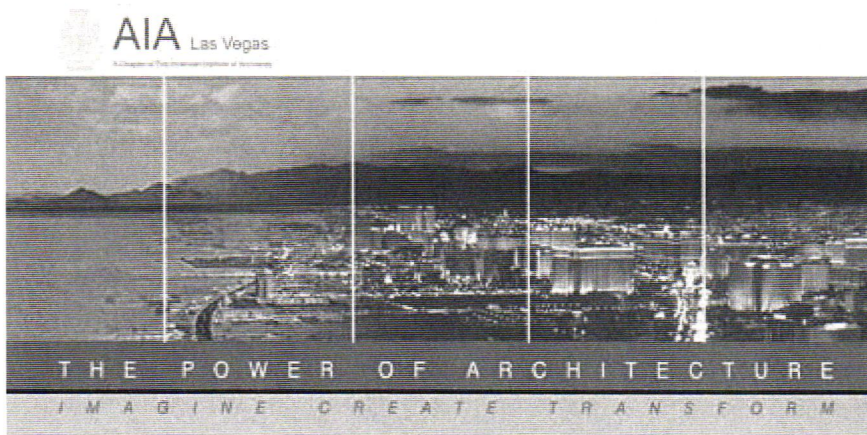
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"The Power of Architecture: Imagine, Create, Transform" is the theme of the convention and certainly, there is no other city in the country that exemplifies and demonstrates *The Power of Architecture* more precisely. With an anticipated attendance of over **25,000**, the convention is a great opportunity for firms to introduce themselves to architects, designers and industry professionals from all over the country.

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To Benefit the Safe Nest Shelter

In the spirit of the season, this year AIA Las Vegas is working to benefit the **Safe Nest Shelter**, that provides assistance for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

We are asking all attendees to bring a gift item to donate to the Safe Nest Gift Box.

Some of the items the shelter needs are listed below....please bring an item or two from the list.... or a toy for a child.... a gift certificate to one of the local stores (Target ... Walmart.) and help everyone have a happy holiday season.

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Cooking Oil
Seasonings
Mayonnaise
Spaghetti O's
Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee
Syrup
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Vegas Ink is a partnership between two communication experts—Phil Hagen and Amy Schmidt—who combine 30 years of publishing experience and contacts in Las Vegas. Most recently, Hagen was the editor of *Las Vegas Life* magazine; Schmidt the managing editor. Both served the city magazine since its inception in 1997 and developed such spin-off publications as *Las Vegas Life Bride* and *Architecture Las Vegas*. Under their guidance, *Las Vegas Life* was the winner of several regional and national awards, including a Maggie Award for Best City and Metropolitan Publication in the West in 2001 and 2004 (Western Publications Association) and the Silver Medal for General Excellence at the National City and Regional Magazine Awards in 2003.

Vegas Ink is *the* source—not only in Las Vegas but in the Southwest—for well-written, well-edited content for niche periodicals, custom publications and promotional materials. AIA Las Vegas is very happy to be working with Vegas Ink and looks forward to a great 2005 issue of Architecture Las Vegas.

New & Notable - What are you working on? Got a project you'd like to tell us about. We want to know what's new and what you've got planned so that it can be included in the New & Notable section of the magazine.

You can email your New & Notable projects directly to our editor, Phil Hagen, at Vegas Ink: philhagen777@netscape.net

U N L V ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

The UNLV Architecture Studies Library has obtained all of the titles in the Wiley Architect's Essentials of Professional Practice. Included in the series are:

- Architect's Essentials of Presentation Skills
- Architect's Essentials of Professional Development
- Architect's Essentials of Winning Proposals
- Architect's Essentials of Starting a Design Firm
- Architect's Essentials of Cost Management
- Architect's Essentials of Contract Negotiation

AIA Members have special check-out privileges at the Architecture Studies Library - they can check-out up to 10 items for 3 weeks. Please contact Jeanne Brown at jeanneb@unlv.nevada.edu for more information.

ELECTION 2004 AND THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

Fred Hillerby
Hillerby & Associates



The general election of 2004 saw another very close presidential race. At least this time we knew who the president was one day after the election. The election of 52 Nevada Legislators, 10 senators and 42 assemblymen, resulted in a 25% turnover. Who needs term limits? There will be 16 new legislators in place for the 2005 Nevada Legislature, 4 new senators and 12 new assemblymen.

In the senate, the republicans lost 1 seat but retained the majority by a count of 12-9. Of the 4 incumbents not returning, 3 were defeated, Ann O'Connell, Ray Rawson and Ray Shaffer, in their re-election attempts and 1 retired, Joe Neal. The 3 incumbents who lost were also committee chairmen. New chairmen for the Government Affairs, Human Resources and Transportation Committees must be named. Even though there are 4 new members in the senate, 2 have served in the assembly prior to their to the senate. The other 2 have no legislative experience.

In the assembly, the democrats picked up 3 seats and now are in the majority by a count of 26-16. There will be 12 new members in the assembly. 4 incumbents lost their re-election bids and 8 incumbents had resigned their offices to seek other political office or for personal reasons. Because of the turnover, there are 4 and possibly 5 assembly committee chairmanships open. As of this date, those chairmanship decisions have not been announced. The assembly not only has 12 freshmen, it also has 12 sophomores. There is clearly a shortage of experience in that house.

Although we do not know the political agenda of the 16 new legislators, we do expect that water issues, growth, property tax, and health care will receive a great amount of attention in 2005. As of this time, we do not see any specific legislative issues for architects but we continue to monitor that closely.



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No need to tire yourself out walking from one end of the strip to the other. Music, dancing, showgirls, celebrity impersonators, sparkling libations, and scrumptious delicacies await you at the AIA Las Vegas Host Chapter Party.

Held in the opulent 4.5 acre "Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis" at fabulous Caesars Palace, this Host Chapter Party will feature world-class entertainment from the hottest shows on the Strip.

You'll be provided with gaming chips for a "just-for-fun" gambling experience that is as exciting as the real thing but this time all the cards will be stacked in your favor. Try your luck at the tables and perhaps win tickets to Celine Dion's show, A New Day, dinner at one of Las Vegas' most famous restaurants, a vacation package at one of our finest hotels or one of many other fabulous prizes.

No where else in Las Vegas will you get as much for your entertainment dollar and still walk away a winner. Fun is the name of the game at this celebration that includes the very best that our one-of-a-kind city has to offer.

You'll want to get your tickets as soon as they are available on December 13th. This event is limited to 2,500 party-goers and will sell out fast. Don't miss the night that everyone else will be talking about! Must be 21 years or older to attend.

**2005
Las Vegas**

**AIA Las Vegas Host Chapter Party
Friday, May 20th 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm
Tickets are \$150 Each**

Available online December 13th at www.aia.org



HOST CHAPTER PARTY SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

The Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA is asking your firm to support our hosting of the AIA 2005 National Convention and

Design Expo, specifically the Host Chapter Party. The convention provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our fabulous city and to highlight the contributions made by all the members of our architecture and design communities. We would be so pleased to have your firm join us in hosting this monumental event. Listed below are the opportunities for your firm to play an important part in the 2005 AIA Convention / Host Chapter Party. If you are interested in participating please contact Randy Lavigne at 702.895.0936.

DJ and Music Sponsor

One of Las Vegas' premier D.J.'s will rock the night away with us. Be an integral part of the Host Chapter Party by sponsoring the main entertainment. Attendees will be spending time around the sound system where your company banner will be prominently displayed. The DJ will announce your support throughout the evening.

Gold Sponsor: 1 at \$15,000

Celebrity Impersonator Sponsor

There are always lots of celebrities around Vegas! You can sponsor a celebrity impersonator such as the Rat Pack, the Blues Brothers, Elvis etc. Attendees can have their picture taken with a celebrity impersonator and take the photo home with your company logo printed on the sleeve. (Numerous celebrity impersonators means you can sponsor one or all of them.)

Silver Sponsor: 5 at \$5,000 or

Platinum Sponsor: 1 at \$25,000

Party Transportation Sponsor

This is your opportunity to transport the attendees to one of the best parties ever! Busses will pick up Conventioneers at Mandalay Bay and drive them directly to the magnificent pool area of Caesar's Palace. But they won't have to wait to get to the party to start having fun! There are a couple of surprises awaiting them when they board your bus. Prominent signage will advertise your company and your company's name will be announced during the fun-filled ride. (10 Party Buses providing continuous transportation between Mandalay Bay and Caesars means you can sponsor 1 or all 10.)

Bronze Sponsor: 10 at \$1,000 or

Gold Sponsor: 1 at \$10,000

Themed Bar Sponsor

Throughout the party you will find several themed bars with enticing drinks named after a sponsor. Signing will be provided at each bar as well as printed cups and napkins that will let party-goers know the name of the tasty drink and the firm who provided it.

Gold Sponsor: 9 at \$10,000

Casino Gaming Tables Sponsor

Have your firm sponsor the action at the Host Chapter Party! As a casino game table sponsor you will have your firm's name displayed on the table and a representative from your firm will be the "host" of the game acting as the pit boss. What a great chance to make new contacts and have fun doing it. Fabulous prizes will be given away at each table (the cost of which will come out of your sponsorship donation) and winners will be mentioned by the DJ along with your firm name throughout the night. Sponsor as many tables as you want!

Silver Sponsor: 15 at \$5,000

Performer Sponsor

Where else would you be if you saw showgirls, painted models, dancers and Cirque performers at the same event? Las Vegas is home to the hottest shows in the world and it wouldn't be a party if we didn't include some of the most sizzling performers in town to join us. As a sponsor of a performer you will receive signing stating that your firm provided the dazzling entertainment for the evening.

Copper Sponsor: 10 at \$2,500 or

Platinum Sponsor: 1 at \$25,000

Food Station Sponsor

A delicious opportunity for your firm to be recognized at the Host Chapter Party. As a sponsor of a food station your firm will receive signing at the table as well as napkins that will let everyone know that you have great taste!

Silver Sponsor: 5 at \$5,000 or

Platinum Sponsor: 1 at \$25,000

Closing Ceremony Sponsor

For a party this big, we will need a spectacular ending. As a Closing Ceremony Sponsor your firm will be the last name in everyone's mind. An exciting opportunity for your firm to play an important role in the most exciting Host Chapter Party ever!!

Platinum Sponsor: 1 at \$25,000

PRODUCT WATCH

Mitsubishi Electric Spiral Escalators Debut in Las Vegas

Just one more little reason to come to the AIA national convention in Las Vegas next year:

Mitsubishi Electric on October 22 unveiled the region's first spiral escalators at the debut of the Phase III expansion of The Forum Shops at Caesars, by executive architect **KGA Architecture** and designer **Dougall Associates**.

Each of four custom-made, 78-step escalators, configured in two tiers, has approximately 6,000 parts (about 1.3 times more than a linear escalator, Mitsubishi says). Each was installed in seven sections for the new Forum Shops at Caesars, a 175,000-square-foot, three-level new home of 60 shops. Other than the San Francisco Center, the Forum Shops is the only site of spiral escalators in the U.S.

For more information about the escalators, visit Mitsubishi's Web site.



AIA Las Vegas CAREER CENTER

AIA Las Vegas is launching a new tool on our aialasvegas.org website.

The AIA Las Vegas Career Center will allow you to post your firm's job opportunities where you can receive the best and most immediate responses.

Post your Company's recruiting positions and link directly to your firm website.

Limited to 5 initial job listings,
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All postings begin on the selected date and end on the same date of the following month.

AIA LAUNCHES ARCHIWIRE ONLINE NEWS SERVICE

The AIA is pleased to announce the launch of ArchiWire, a new central source for architecture firm news. Architects can use ArchiWire to post their firms' announcements of new and completed projects, awards, staff changes, financial reports, and more—directly on line. If you don't have a press release, ArchiWire lets you build one through an easy-to-use interface.

This database is open to everyone and allows potential clients, students, academics, vendors, and anyone else interested in e-architecture to monitor the profession's news. In addition, ArchiWire will serve as a central source for news from the 300 AIA components, offering a one-stop look at the Institute's member activities around the country.

The press has access as well: Architecture writers can easily monitor this site for specific topics of interest and search for information by project type, budget, date, and location. The media can view postings from the past month or register for access to all postings over the past year. The press and public can search by a variety of criteria and sign up to receive e-mail alerts when news of a particular type is added to the site. They can also store news releases in private folders for later access.

Limited time offer: As a special introductory offer, log on to ArchiWire and post as many news releases as you'd like—free. You can post existing releases using simple cut-and-paste, or build releases automatically with an online form. Later this year, ArchiWire will begin charging a small fee for each release to cover development and maintenance costs. Take advantage of this opportunity to post your firm's news history and progress.

Help available: For technical help with Archiwire, call Customer Service, 888-491-8833. With other questions, contact AIA Communications Managing Director Terry Poltrack, 202-626-7334.



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THE BEST OF LAS VEGAS 2005 EXHIBITIONS PLANNED

The AIA Las Vegas Chapter has planned a series of exhibitions which will help to celebrate both the City's Centennial and the AIA 2005 National Convention.

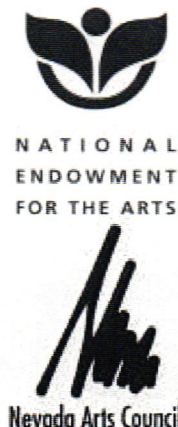
Beginning in February, we will present "Emerging Voices: Artists & Architects, both as an exhibit and an accompanying symposium. This exhibit compares and contrasts the work of some of Nevada's young artists and designers. Their work reflects bold, innovative and thoroughly modern expressions. The exhibit is scheduled for February 1st - 28th at the Mesquite Art Museum, with the symposium planned for February 18th & 19th. Speakers and programs for the symposium will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. In May the exhibit will move to a Las Vegas gallery in time to open for the 2005 Convention.

In celebration of the City's Centennial, AIA Las Vegas has created "The Vegas Century" an architectural exhibit, *and companion feature in our Architecture Las Vegas magazine*, that includes 100 people, ideas, structures and events that were most significant in the history of Las Vegas over the last 100 years. From the great land auction in 1905 to the most imaginative architects, designers, and ideas of today, this exhibit chronicles the history while providing an understanding of the architecture behind this city in the desert.

"The Vegas Century" exhibition will open at the West Sahara Art Museum, with a reception celebrating the publication of our Architecture Las Vegas magazine, on Friday, April 1st. The exhibit will remain open until May 15th, when it will move to the Architecture Studies Library at UNLV School of Architecture, and remain open throughout the 2005 Convention.

The "Ten Years of Excellence In Design" exhibition is designed to showcase the exceptional work being done by Nevada architects and design teams. This exhibit presents the award-winning projects from the AIA Nevada Excellence In Design program over the last ten years, and provides a unique look at the architecture of Nevada. The exhibit is scheduled for the Architecture Studies Library at the UNLV School of Architecture from March 18th through May 10th. It will then move to the special Gallery space located in the AIA Las Vegas Host Chapter Store, Lounge and Gallery inside the 2005 Design Expo at the Mandalay Bay and will be open through the Convention.

These exhibits are funded, in part, by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



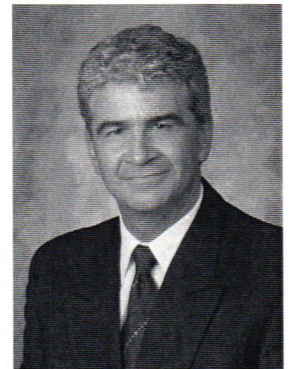
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Nevada State Board of Architecture,
Interior Design and Residential Design

GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER AND TWO MEMBERS REAPPOINTED

Governor Kenny Guinn appointed William E. Snyder, FAIA to serve on the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design.

Bill Snyder has been a Nevada registered architect since 1980. He replaces architect Susan Hobbes. Snyder previously served on the board from 1986 through 1992. He is the president and principal-in-charge of Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, and in 2002 was admitted into the American Institute of Architects' College of Fellows.



William E. Snyder, FAIA

Through his professional and volunteer endeavors, Snyder has sought to enhance the quality of education at all levels. He serves on the foundations of the Community College of Southern Nevada and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and is also a member of the UNLV School of Architecture Advisory Board. In recognition of his contributions to improving the education of young Nevadans, William E. Snyder Elementary School was opened in August 2001.

The governor also reappointed Judith H. Fermoile, a registered interior designer, and Larry D. Tindall, a residential designer. All appointments are for three-year terms and began November 1, 2004.

Other members of the nine-member board currently include:

Greg L. Erny
George F. Garlock
Larry Henry
John R. Klai II
JoAnn Oppenheimer Gore
Derrell Parker



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



SUSTAINING NEVADA LECTURE SERIES, SEASON II

Yes, it's time again for another mind-expanding lecture series and the AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment is pleased to bring another strong lineup of truly visionary architects to the valley that are committed to both consistently good design and sustainable building.

Beginning in December, and continuing through May 2005, the 2nd Sustaining Nevada Lecture Series will be coming to the UNLV Architecture Studies Library. The lecture series will feature some of the most successful and dynamic architecture firms from around the country. All of the speakers are widely recognized leaders in the practice of sustainable design.

The lectures will be held the first Wednesday of each month, beginning in December '04 and running through May '05, with a holiday hiatus in January. All lectures will begin at 7:00 pm with a reception with light hors d'oeuvres at 6:30.

Dates with Confirmed speakers are:

12.01.04 - Henry Siegel and Larry Strain: Siegel Strain Architects, Emeryville, California

02.02.05 - Bert Gregory: Mithun Architects, Seattle, Washington

03.02.05 - David Arkin & Anni Tilt: Arkin Tilt Architects, Berkeley, California

04.06.05 - Heinz Rudolf (Invited): BOORA Architects, Portland, Oregon

05.04.05 - Muscoe Martin: Wallace, Roberts & Todd, Philadelphia, PA

If you haven't received a letter from AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment yet, we hope you will please consider contributing a donation to this important lecture series and help us continue to bring high-level discussions and the latest thoughts on sustainability to our region.

Please contact Rick Van Diepen - rvdiepen@pgal.com, or Lance Kirk - ljkkirk@lgainc.com if you would like to either sponsor a particular speaker, or if you would like to contribute to this year's lecture series in any amount.

2004 LUNCHTIME LEARNING

Get your AIA C.E. Credits by attending these interesting and informative luncheons throughout the year.

December 2, 2004

Cancelled

January 27, 2005

"Seismic Site Classification Techniques in the Las Vegas Valley" - Western Technologies
11:30AM - Location TBA

February 24th, 2005

Benchmark Consulting Services

March 24th, 2005

Raven Industries

April 28th, 2005

"Homeland Security" - LV Window Tint

May, 2005

No Program in May

June 23rd, 2005

Dow Chemical

July, 2005

No Program in July

August 25th, 2005

"Incorporating Interactive Whiteboard Into Your Designs" - SMART Technologies

September 22nd, 2005

"Incorporating to Sustainability and Responsible Interior Wall Finishes" - InPro Corporation

October 27th, 2005

Semco

November 17th, 2005

Schirmer Engineering

December 8th, 2005

Available for Sponsorship

Please RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 895.0936 if you wish to attend either of these seminars. Please do not RSVP if you are not sure you will be able to attend as space is limited.

CHECK YOUR WEBSITES

aianeveda.org

This is your AIA Nevada website. You will want to check for updates new legislation and issues that affect the profession, and possibly need your attention or action. This is also where you'll find information on the 2003 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards program, and links to all vital AIA resources.

aiawmr.org

This is your Western Mountain Region website. Check it often for issues that concern our region and for the latest updates from AIA National Board Meetings. You'll also find information here for the 2003 WMR Conference and the WMR Design and Honor Awards Programs.

aialasvegas.org

This is your home site and will provide all information on Chapter events and activities, resources, programs and opportunities. Check it often for updates and to RSVP for meetings and events.

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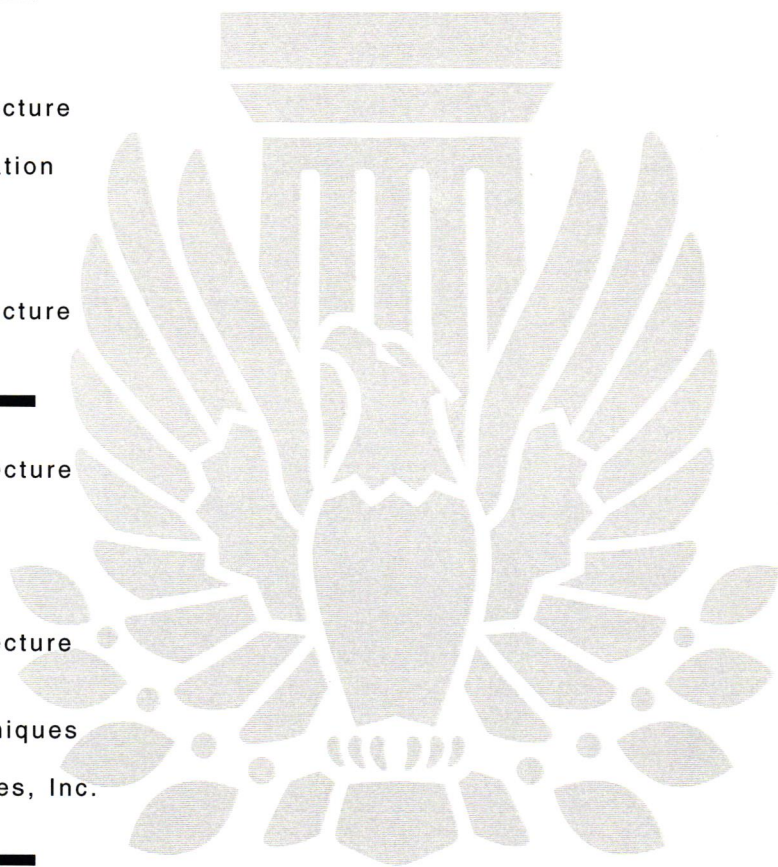
CALENDAR

DECEMBER
JANUARY
FEBRUARY

- 14 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30AM - UNLV School of Architecture
- 15 AIA Holiday Celebration & Installation
of Officers - 2005
6:00PM - Paris Hotel
- 22 AIA NV Ex Com Meeting
11:30AM - UNLV School of Architecture

- 11 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30AM - UNLV School of Architecture
- 19 AIA Membership Meeting
5:30PM - Gold Coast Hotel
- 26 AIA NV Ex Com Meeting
11:30AM - UNLV School of Architecture
- 27 Lunchtime Learning -
"Seismic Site Classification Techniques
in the Las Vegas Valley"
Presented by Western Technologies, Inc.
11:30AM - Location TBD

- 1 "Emerging Voices / Artists & Architects"
Exhibit & Seminars Opening - Mesquite
- 2 AIA LV COTE "Sustaining Nevada" Lecture Series -
Mithum Architects - UNLV
- 8 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
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Conference, Washington, DC
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History of Las Vegas
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